

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. William Thomas presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Sokol.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Gabriels, Monroe, Girard, Sheehan, Mason, O'Connor, Kenny, Belden, W. Thomas, Tessier, Merlino, Caimano, Champagne, Sokol, F. Thomas, Haskell, and Geraghty - 17.

Absent: Supervisors Bentley, Stec and VanNess - 3.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2007 Board Meeting and the November 2, 2007 Adjourned Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Chairman Thomas declared the Public Hearing on the Warren County Sewer District (Industrial park) Assessment Roll for 2008, open at 10:00 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Thomas introduced Karen Gladstone and Renee Snyder, representatives of the Special Olympics of New York. Ms. Gladstone advised that the Special Olympics would be holding a "Polar Plunge" in Lake George on December 1, 2007 to benefit the Special Olympics. Ms. Snyder asked that the Supervisors spread the information within their towns to encourage additional support for the Special Olympics. Information on this event was distributed to all Supervisors and a copy is on file with the minutes.

Supervisor Stec entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Thomas extended privilege of the floor to Supervisor Girard. Mr. Girard introduced Ray Ives, the newly elected Fire Chief for the City of Glens Falls. Chief Ives thanked the board members for allowing him to introduce himself. He added he wanted to reaffirm the City's support for the programs they were involved with in conjunction with the County, such as the Cause and Origin Investigative Team and also the City's role as Lead Agency for HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) in Warren County. He noted he also wanted to pledge the City's ongoing support for the Mutual Aid System. Chief Ives thanked the Board of Supervisors for their time and the board members responded with applause.

There being no one wishing to speak on the Warren County Sewer District (Industrial Park) Assessment Roll for 2008, Chairman Thomas closed the Public Hearing at 10:09 a.m.

Chairman Thomas announced a breakfast would be held at the Adirondack Community College (ACC) on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. and any Supervisors interested

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in attending should contact Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative and Fiscal Services, to make a reservation. Mr. Champagne added the breakfast was being held to introduce the College's new President, Ron Heacock, and he hoped many Supervisors could attend. Mr. Payne asked that the Supervisors that wished to attend please contact him today so he could notify the College.

Chairman Thomas advised that prior to opening the next Public Hearing, he would like to begin with reports by Committee chairmen on past activities and the following gave verbal reports:

Supervisor Gabriels, Personnel/Human Resources.

With regard to the Personnel/Human Resources Committee, Mr. Gabriels stated the meeting consisted mostly of minor housekeeping issues within different departments. He noted that the Committee had authorized the payment of \$100 to Debra Schreiber, Legislative Office Specialist for the Board of Supervisors, under the Employee Suggestion Program, for her suggestion and initiative in creating a Sharepoint site specifically for the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Thomas declared the Public Hearing on the 2008 Tentative Budget open at 10:15 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Thomas announced at this time he would like to turn the meeting over to the Budget Officer, Supervisor Caimano, to present a power point presentation and recap some items in relation to the 2008 Tentative Budget. A copy of the power point presentation is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Caimano reviewed the highlights of the 2008 Tentative Budget and changes that had been made since the Tentative Budget was presented last week. He said that the 2008 Appropriations had increased over the 2007 Adopted Budget in the amount of \$3,482,031 (2.6%) and the 2008 amount to be raised by taxes had increased over the 2007 Adopted Budget in the amount of \$2,235,706 (6.8%). Mr. Caimano advised changes that had been made to the Tentative Budget included the Department of Public Works (DPW), to which the appropriation for building equipment rental had been added back into the Budget because there would be revenue to offset the item. The Probation Department, he said, had an incorrect salary for the position of Probation Officer, due to an error in the effective start date for the position; thereby amending the salary schedule. He stated that a position of Code Enforcement Officer within the Department of Fire and Building Codes had changed to a full time position which was overlooked in the preparation of the Tentative Budget. Mr. Caimano apprised that within the Health Services Department, two vehicles had been added back into the Budget. He noted that various departments had adjustments made to appropriations and revenues due to contractual obligations. He said under Road Projects, new projects were included under one code, new codes were established and funds were transferred to the appropriate project number. Mr. Caimano expounded that the Westmount Health Facility had

inter-fund transfers accounting adjustments made to ensure that the Facility did not raise taxes. He noted that under Transfers-Capital Projects, an additional \$50,000 was included for the Fire Training Center, which had inadvertently been left out of the Tentative Budget.

Mr. Kenny questioned if the bonding was included in the Budget for the Point of Care, the new Health and Human Services building, the Gaslight Village property, the Soil and Water Conservation District's new building and the DPW equipment. Mr. Caimano replied in the negative, with the exception of certain expenses related to the implementation of the Point of Care, which were included in the 2008 Budget. Mr. Kenny expressed his concern not only with this years budget, but with next years budget as well.

Mr. Caimano presented the following Budget Message:

"BUDGET MESSAGE
NOVEMBER 16, 2007"

"Today's the day that I'm supposed to give the Budget Officer's Message. Much of what I would say has been said by me many times over the past several years. The basic message is the same; Keep giving the same excellent service to the taxpayers, and do it with an eye on the ever-tightening check book.

"The fact that we have to worry about money isn't anything new, or dramatic. I can't imagine that anyone has ever left this life without that worry. And that goes for multi-millionaires as well as us average folks.

"What's important, though, is that you always realize where you are in the process when you spend any money. At Committee meetings, when it's decided that a project will be banned, or that a Capital Project will be started it has to be seen, clearly, that it is, really, our future...our surplus that we're spending. In Finance 101, the first comment by my Professor was this..."Remember, the real cost of anything is the money that you won't have to spend for something else".

"So, when we debate today on the building, for example, whether it's \$25 million or \$16 million or \$12 million or whatever the final number, it will have an annual debt service attached. And however that number comes out, that's the amount you won't have when it comes to buying something else. The better the debt service number, the more things you can spend for in the future.

"I leave the next Budget Officer with as fine a working staff as you can find in Hal Payne, Joan Sady, JoAnn McKinstry and Rick Murphy. They are tireless.

"And a bunch of Department Heads that, although we battle sometimes, have the best interests of the taxpayers upper most in their minds.

“It has been my honor and pleasure.”

Mr. Belden asked if the highway equipment for DPW was going to be bonded for 2008. Mr. Caimano explained the equipment would be bonded in 2008 and payments would be included in the 2009 budget. Mr. Mason questioned if the new building for the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District would be done in 2008 or 2009. Mr. Caimano said it would be done in 2008, but the initial expenses would not be incurred until 2009. Mr. Monroe pointed out that the burden of the debt with respect to the Burn Plant would be lifted in 2010 which would provide the opportunity to pay off debt incurred now for equipment and such.

There being no one further wishing to speak on the 2008 Tentative Budget, Chairman Thomas declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Thomas returned to reports by Committee chairmen on past activities and the following continued to give verbal reports:

Supervisor Monroe, Economic Development Corporation and Finance.

Mr. Monroe advised in connection with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Committee, John Wheatley of EDC, had provided a report on the Queensbury Industrial Park (QIP) stating that the underground utilities were nearly complete and the paving would commence the first week of November. Additionally at that Committee meeting, Len Fosbrook, President of EDC, advised that Warren County was now qualified for Foreign Trade Zone Benefits, similar to Empire Zone Benefits, which would eliminate the collection of the tariff on any imported products that would ultimately become a part of the parcel of a final product, which would benefit municipalities that imported products. Mr. Monroe stated that during the meeting they also discussed the Adirondack Regional Business Incubator (ARBI) which recently applied for a Restore New York Grant to renovate the building located at 136 Elm Street in the City of Glens Falls. If the grant was awarded, he said, there would no longer be the need for the sale-lease back option which had been discussed in the past.

In connection with the Finance Committee, Mr. Monroe advised it was routine business, consisting of transfers of funds and receipt of grant funds.

Chairman Thomas requested Mr. Fosbrook to discuss the properties located across the street from the Municipal Center that he planned to discuss at next months EDC Committee meeting. Mr. Fosbrook said that relative to the County-owned properties, he did not feel it was appropriate to discuss that at this time because it had not been reviewed with the prospective client; however, he said, he was open to discussing the property relative to the situation with Travelers Insurance Company. Mr. Fosbrook explained, that with regard to the economy in Warren County, 25% of the businesses that made up the economy were called primary or contributory businesses, which were businesses that earned their money from outside the area and brought funds into the County. He noted another 75% of the businesses were made up of consumptive businesses, which were businesses that thrived off of the primary businesses' payroll and economy. He said Travelers Insurance Company contributed roughly \$20 million to the economy through their salaries.

Mr. Fosbrook explained that when a company was interested in relocating or expanding, the EDC provided all available options within the County, as well as the options that were a priority of EDC relative to the economic development plan. Upon a selection of a site, he said, the EDC supported the selection as best they could. He added that community attitude played a large role in the decision making process for companies.

Jon Lapper, attorney for Schermerhorn Design Holdings, clarified the issue did not require County approval, although it did involve a County interest and they were hoping for County support. He advised the property being discussed for the new location of the Travelers Insurance Company was a seventeen acre site, zoned specifically for an office. He said they had proposed seven and one half acres as a 'buffer' which would never be touched. He noted in this zone, 30% green-space was required; however, he said, this project would have 64.9% green-space. He added that Travelers Insurance Company currently employed five hundred people and if the issues with the community could not be resolved, the Company would relocate elsewhere, possibly out of Warren County or even out of New York State.

Rich Schermerhorn, of Schermerhorn Design Holdings, said he would like to explain the background history of this property. He advised he had purchased the property two years ago and prior to his purchase, the property had been zoned as residential seven years ago. He further stated that when he purchased the property he had proposed to build one hundred and twenty unit multi-family projects; however, he said, the neighbors in that area were opposed to residential building in that corridor. Mr. Schermerhorn stated that presently he was proposing to build an eighty-five thousand square foot building which met all the Town building codes, as well as all rules and regulations. He added he felt it was very important to obtain the needed support for this project.

Mr. Stec said having served on the Queensbury Town Board for the past eight years, he could personally vouch for the history of the site, including the zoning regulations. He added that the main concern, in his opinion, were the five hundred jobs that would be jeopardized if the Company did not remain in Warren County.

Mr. Girard questioned who would make the final decision as to whether or not this project would be approved. Mr. Schermerhorn replied he would appear before the Town of Queensbury Planning Board on December 6, 2007 in order for the Planning Board to vote on the project. He noted that a Queensbury Town Board member was opposed to the project and had advised the residents in the area that the proposed project would devalue their homes. He added that there was a tremendous amount of public pressure on the Planning Board. To clarify the answer to Mr. Girards' question, Mr. Schermerhorn stated it was a decision that would be made by the Town of Queensbury Planning Board.

Mr. Gabriels asked if this plan had been or would be reviewed by the County Planning Board and Mr. Schermerhorn responded it already had been brought before the County Planning Board and was approved. Mr. Belden questioned if it would be out of order for the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution of support for this project. Mr. Kenny disagreed and said that personally he felt that would be inappropriate, given that this project was a Town issue. Mr. Monroe added that the specific site may be a Town issue; however, he said, the

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broader issue was the importance of the number of jobs at the Travelers Insurance Company, which should be a County issue. He suggested adopting a resolution of support for encouraging the Travelers Insurance Company to remain in Warren County, without specifically mentioning a site.

Motion was made by Mr. Tessier, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to waive the rules of the board requiring a resolution be in writing. Clerk noted this would be Resolution No. 749 of 2007 for the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Gabriels and carried unanimously to recognize the importance of the Travelers Insurance Company to Warren County and to communicate the Board of Supervisors support for the Company to remain in Warren County. Mr. Stec added that the resolution should be forwarded to the Town of Queensbury Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board and all other appropriate involved organizations. Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 750 of 2007 for the record.

Chairman Thomas resumed the reports by Committee chairmen on past activities and the following continued to give verbal reports:

Supervisor Sheehan, Support Services; Supervisor Mason, Health Services; Supervisor O'Connor, Municipal Shared Services; Supervisor Belden, DPW and Real Property Tax Services; Supervisor Tessier, Social Services; Supervisor F. Thomas, Extension Services; Supervisor Haskell, County Facilities; and Supervisor Geraghty, Insurance.

Concerning the Support Services Committee, Mr. Sheehan apprised that the Purchasing Agent had requested permission to continue the Ebay program used to post County surplus equipment online and he added that a resolution authorizing that was included in the Supervisors' packets.

With regard to the Health Services Committee, Mr. Mason thanked the Board of Supervisors for considering the inclusion of the Point of Care System in the 2008 Budget. He also noted that the Health Services Department had been awarded a grant; however, he said, they were recently advised that the funds would not be received. He stated the Department had contacted the State and requested a representative from the State to attend a Committee meeting to explain the revocation of the grant funds. Upon further investigation, Mr. Mason said, the State had advised they would honor the grant and the funds would be awarded to the Department.

In connection with the Municipal Shared Services Committee, Mr. O'Connor advised that the Committee was trying to coordinate an evening meeting with the City of Glens Falls Common Council to further discussions relative to East Field.

Mr. Belden expounded the DPW Committee meeting mainly consisted of housekeeping issues. Regarding the Real Property Tax Services Committee, he said there was a resolution included in the Supervisors' packets which authorized waiving the interest and penalties on back taxes for a parcel of property located in the Town of Lake Luzerne

which the Town recently acquired. He stated he had also chaired the Planning & Community Development Committee meeting in the absence of Committee Chairman Supervisor Stec. He added that discussions were focused on supporting the Adirondack Community Housing Trust to further the development of long term affordable housing and he noted there was a resolution included in the packets authorizing the same.

Mr. Tessier said although he did not have any reports to present, he would like to request that a Social Services Committee meeting be held as soon as possible and asked the Committee members to see him to obtain a letter regarding the topic of discussion for the next meeting.

Mr. Sokol acknowledged that Jeff Farley, Director of the Adirondack Regional Business Incubator (ARBI), was present and that he would like to extend privilege of the floor to him. Mr. Farley announced that the ARBI would be presenting the first of many developmental series, entitled "Supervisory Leadership" on January 8, 2008. He noted additional information would be sent out in the near future.

Mr. F. Thomas said he did not have a report to present; however, he noted, there were several members from Cornell Cooperative Extension present at the meeting. He extended privilege of the floor to Elaine Sobel, President of the Board of Directors for Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ms. Sobel thanked the Board of Supervisors, the Budget Officer, Supervisor Caimano and Mr. Payne for their continued support which enabled Extension to broaden their education programs.

Concerning the Insurance Committee, Mr. Geraghty apprised the Committee would be considering two RFP's (Request for Proposals) for the Workers Compensation in the near future.

Chairman Thomas directed the board members attention to Resolution No. 703, Recommending Conceptual Approval of Part of Option No. 2 Relative to the Design and Construction of the New Health and Human Services Building, included in their packets prior to Mr. Haskell's report.

Mr. Haskell stated this resolution was authorized by the County Facilities Committee and he supported it 100%. He explained that the proposal was for the construction of a 60,000 square foot, three story building to be constructed on the Municipal Center campus. Chairman Thomas clarified that a decision needed to be reached as to the location of the building and the resolution stated that the proposed site was on the Municipal Center campus, and the size of the building needed to be determined, as well.

John Martin, of Clark Patterson & Associates, explained that Clark Patterson & Associates had been working with the County for approximately two years on the design process and had reached a design development level, which was just short of construction documents, on the previous building on the Municipal Center Annex campus. He added at that point Clark Patterson & Associates was asked to research other alternatives, which was

when the decision to split the project into two buildings, or two phases, was reached. He noted that the resolution before the board members today was to approve Phase I of the project. He said it was a conceptual design at this time, and then Bovis Lend Lease would do an appropriate cost estimate. Once the board members decided to proceed with the project, he stated, Clark Patterson & Associates would prepare a full schematic design. He advised that the important thing to consider today was not the square footage of the design but the actual concept of the project.

Mr. Kenny said he had done extensive research in relation to this project; however, he said, he still had many questions regarding the size of the proposed building. He further stated that the projections for this building were not built on present staff, it was built on figures provided to Clark Patterson & Associates of what the projected future staff of the County would be. He reiterated that the GSA (Government Service Administration) recommendation was for two hundred usable square feet per employee. Under the current plan being presented today, he said, there would be three hundred and eighty-four usable square feet per employee, nearly twice the GSA standard. Mr. Kenny questioned if the concept for the project was approved, what could the County do until the exact size of the building was determined.

Jon Norris, of Clark Patterson & Associates, replied there were geo-technical investigations that needed to be completed, as well as a SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) process, which usually went in tandem with the schematic design. Following those technical investigations, he said, they would re-analyze the square footage issues.

Chairman Thomas advised that if this resolution was approved today, the board members would be authorizing a new building to be constructed on the Municipal Center campus and the process of designing it would continue.

Mr. Tessier stated the current proposal for the building was for 60,000 square feet and if that amount of space was not needed for the Department of Social Services it could be utilized for other departments. Chairman Thomas reiterated that the resolution before the board members today did not address the square footage of the proposed building.

Mr. Haskell expounded that the County Facilities Committee had approved forwarding the resolution to the full board to authorize the conceptual plan for a 60,000 square foot building to be constructed on the Municipal Center campus. He added that over \$500,000 had already been spent on the design drawings and he did not feel that any more money should be spent on drawings. He said the County needed to make a decision and move forward today. Chairman Thomas agreed that a decision needed to be made today with regard to what direction the County was headed with this project and that the size of the building could be determined at a later date.

Chairman Thomas requested Paul Dusek, County Attorney, to verify exactly what Resolution No. 703 would authorize if approved today. Mr. Dusek explained that Resolution No. 703 did not specifically mention square footage; however, he said, it referenced Option No. 2 which clearly stated it would be a 60,000 square foot building. He clarified that if the resolution was approved it would authorize a 60,000 square foot building to be constructed

on the Municipal Center campus. Chairman Thomas questioned if the resolution could be amended to remove the square footage at this time and Mr. Dusek replied affirmatively.

Mr. Martin explained that the GSA standards that Mr. Kenny had referred to were originally issued in 1997 and again in 2002. In 1997, he said, the purpose of the report was to reduce square footage for federal government employees and the goal of 200 square feet per person was determined. He further stated that the report also addressed the mission of the agency that a building was being constructed for, which varied greatly and the mission of the agency was a very important factor to keep in mind.

Mr. Caimano suggested amending the resolution to include the verbiage "not to exceed" with regard to the cost for the new building. Chairman Thomas stated that the County Facilities Committee approved this resolution and recommended that it be forwarded to the full board today as it was written. He requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 703 as it stands. Mr. Payne pointed out the cost for the new Health and Human Services building proposal before the board members today was \$16.9 million. He added that \$1 million was included in that total for the destruction of the current Social Services building and \$700,000 was included for the abatement of asbestos. He noted a ceiling cost could not be attached to this project until bids were sent out and received. Mr. Stec said when bids were sent out, the County would be advertising what they were willing to pay which could drive bids higher; however, he added, the bidding process allowed the County to reject a bid if it was too high.

Chairman Thomas requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 703, Recommending Conceptual Approval of Part of Option No. 2 Relative to the Design and Construction of the New Health and Human Services Building.

Chairman called for reading of communications.

Clerk read communications, including the following:

Minutes from:

Warren/Washington Counties Mental Health Subcommittee;
Warren/Washington Counties IDA Executive/Park Committee.

Monthly Report from:

Weights & Measures.

Annual Reports from:

The Fund for Lake George;
Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board.

Capital District Off-Track Betting, Third Quarter Benefit in the amount of \$73,541, as well as October surcharge in the amount of \$12,850;

George Drellos, Glens Falls Soap Box Derby Director, thanking the Board of Supervisors for support of the Soap Box Derby;

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Holly O'Meara & Eric Lohrey, Letter in opposition to the Glen Creek/Mohring ATV/MX proposal;

Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker & Firth, Warren/Washington Counties IDA 2008 Proposed Budget;

Warren/Washington Counties IDA, request that agency be included in the 2007 General Purpose Foreign Trade Zone Expansion Application;

Richard Linke, letter regarding the Schermerhorn development project proposed at I-87-Exit 20;

Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce, letter supporting the return of New York State Association of Fire Chiefs Convention for 2008 in Lake George;

City of Glens Falls Industrial Development Agency, notice of public hearing regarding the Empire Theater LLC Project.

Communications, resolutions and reports ordered placed on file.

Chairman called for reading of resolutions and discussion.

Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, advised that the unnumbered resolutions placed on the Supervisors' desks were as follows: Amending the Tentative Budget was Resolution No. 745, Adopting the Budget for 2008 was Resolution No. 746, Levying the Tax for the City of Glens Falls was Resolution No. 747, and Making Appropriations for the Conduct of County Government was Resolution No. 748.

Mrs. Sady announced Resolution Nos. 673 through 737 were mailed and a motion to bring Resolution Nos. 672 and 738 through 748 to the floor was necessary. Motion was made by Mr. Caimano, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 672 and 738 through 748 to the floor.

Mr. Kenny requested roll call votes on Resolution No. 685, Authorizing Agreement with the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs' in the amount of \$50,000 for the 2008 Fire Chiefs' Convention and Recommending an Additional \$100,000 to be Paid in Pro-Rata Investments from All Municipalities Based Upon Their Amounts of Distribution of Occupancy Tax and Any Balance to be Paid From the Special Events Fund; and on Resolution No. 713, Authorizing Warren County to Enter into Negotiations with the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association with Regard to Acquisition of Property Rights with Regard to the North Creek Depot Museum and its Platform, the Owens House and the Land Holdings.

Mr. Kenny also commented on Resolution No. 726, Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2007 and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon. He advised this local law was entitled "A Local Law Prohibiting the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and/or Illegal Drugs by Minors on Private Premises in Warren County" and addressed the issue of 'Social Hosting'. He thanked District Attorney Kate Hogan and First Assistant County Attorney Amy Bartlett,

as well as Supervisor Tessier, Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee, for all of their cooperation with regard to this issue. He added that this Law would penalize individuals that hosted a party where alcohol was served to minors and if this Law saved the life of just one young person, then these efforts were well worth it.

Concerning Resolution No. 685, Authorizing Agreement with the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs' in the amount of \$50,000 for the 2008 Fire Chiefs' Convention and Recommending an Additional \$100,000 to be Paid in Pro-Rata Investments from All Municipalities Based Upon Their Amounts of Distribution of Occupancy Tax and Any Balance to be Paid From the Special Events Fund, Mr. Kenny requested to discuss this resolution and asked what the responses were from the individual towns. Various Supervisors advised that their town boards had discussed such contributions; however, a definite number from each town was not available at this time.

Mr. Kenny expressed his concern with the wording of the Resolution, specifically that the remaining balance would be paid from the Special Events Fund, which was approximately \$280,000 for 2008. He further stated that for 2007, there was \$250,000 in the Special Events Fund, all of which was spent. Therefore, he said, some events would not be able to receive funding next year.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Tom LaBelle, of the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs'. Mr. LaBelle apprised it was his understanding that the Resolution, as written today, was the conclusion reached by the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee. Chairman Thomas reiterated that Resolution No. 685 would be a roll call vote.

Mr. Monroe commented on Resolution No. 743, Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2007 and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon. He stated the local law would amend the Empire Zone boundaries by deleting one parcel in the Town of Queensbury and adding two parcels in the City of Glens Falls. He added that the purpose for this was to include all of the Finch Paper Company land in the Empire Zone; however, he said, time was critical to Finch Paper in that this would need to be completed within thirty days before the end of the year in order for them to recognize the number of benefits. Therefore, Mr. Monroe requested to amend the date of the Public Hearing listed within the Resolution. He asked that a Special Board Meeting be scheduled for November 30, 2007 to hold the Public Hearing in order to have the revisions in effect by the end of the year.

Motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Caimano and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 743 of 2007 to change the date of the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2007 from December 21, 2007 to November 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Monroe and carried unanimously to authorize a Special Board Meeting to be held on November 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2007 and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Monroe referred to Resolution No. 704, Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Department, "2007 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program". He expounded that at the

Planning and Community Development Committee meeting, the project for which to apply for the grant had not been specified. He recommended that the project be specified for broadband services. Mr. Monroe added he had attended an Economic Development Committee meeting in which Howard Lowe, who was leading a project in Clinton, Franklin and Essex Counties for broadband services, requested that Warren County be included in their project. He noted that he felt broadband services for Warren County, especially in the northern sections of the County, was very important.

Chairman Thomas agreed with Mr. Monroe; however, he said, he believed that the Smart Growth Grant included the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor, which encompassed the broadband services within that grant application. Mr. Monroe disagreed and stated that the Committee had not made that decision.

Motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 704 of 2007 to include broadband services in the Smart Growth Grant application.

Clerk advised that per the Planning & Community Department, the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor application included the request for broadband services in that grant application. Therefore, Mr. Monroe rescinded his motion to amend Resolution No. 704 of 2007.

Chairman Thomas called for a vote on the resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 672 through 750 were approved.

Chairman Thomas advised that Mr. Dusek had requested an executive session in order to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

Prior to the executive session, Mr. Kenny thanked the Health Services Department for conducting the flu shot clinic and noted it was very well done and organized. He also commented on the wonderful Tourism posters that were in the Board Room and said the Tourism Department was doing a tremendous job.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (e) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 12:05 p.m. to 12:22 p.m.

Chairman Thomas advised no action was necessary pursuant to the executive session.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Gabriels commented on the Gaslight Village property and the three environmental groups (3 E's) involved. Specifically, he said, he would like to discuss his concern with the conservation easement. He noted his concern was for the three municipalities getting involved with the negotiations with the 3 E's, which he thought would be good because they all worked well together. However, he added, the conservation

easement did not allow the County to constrain alienation of their property interest rights in the future. He advised that he was told that when the 3 E's received their property rights, they could only be sold to another not-for-profit or the State of New York. Mr. Gabriels said he was willing to deal with the 3 E's, however, he added, he had reservations in the three municipalities dealing with the State on the maintenance of this property.

Mr. Dusek apprised he had revised the agreement and that issue was addressed. He said he had added that the County should not have to receive approval from the agencies for the items that were already listed in the agreement as things that could be done to the sight. However, Mr. Dusek stated, the option for the 3 E's to sell the conservation easement to the State of New York was not removed from the agreement because that was always part of the original deal and why the 3 E's had agreed to come up with the \$1.75 million so they could have the right to turn around and sell the easement to the State. Therefore, he added, if the County removed that option from the agreement, it could cause a serious problem.

Chairman Thomas welcomed Supervisor Champagne back and said it was good to see him again. Mr. Champagne thanked the Chairman and the Board of Supervisors for the fruit basket and their well wishes.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

